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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4 line 20 through page 5, line 18 please replace as follows:

*C1*  
Figure 1A illustrates a side view of the trephine, punch or coring tool of the current invention with the cutter fully retracted, according to aspects of an embodiment of the invention.

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Figure 1B illustrates a side view of the trephine, punch or coring tool of the current invention with the cutter fully advanced against the anvil, according to aspects of an embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 illustrates the trephine, punch or coring tool applied to the apex of the ventricle of the heart prior to advancing the cutting blade, according to aspects of an embodiment of the invention.